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to the Department of Administrative Services, so if they have any doubt that it is the wish of this body that we do whatever is necessary to conserve and...and conserve the building, that we would go ahead and do that, and that they should not be timid, or fearful, or apprehensive about telling us the work needs to be done or that it may cost us some money to have it done. And I would hope that, if they tell us the work should be done, that we would clearly find the funds and the will to do it. But clearly, I think, we need to know the work needs to be done. I want to see it accomplished, whatever is necessary to restore the building and have it...and have it done right. This is no time to worry about the nickels and the dimes, this is a time to preserve and conserve our Capitol Building.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Vrtiska, on LR 271.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support and concur with the statements made by Senator Wickersham. I just want to add that this summer many of my family members from all over the United States gathered and we took a tour of the Capitol. And, by the way, I wasn't the leader that time, so we didn't get lost. (Laughter) But, we did tour the Capitol, and I can tell you in all honesty that many of my people were very impressed with this building. And many of you probably recognize that this was considered one of the architectural wonders of the world, at one time, many years ago, when it was...some time after it was built. And I concur that we need to be ever careful and move forward in taking care of probably one of the nicest and prettiest buildings in the state of Nebraska that we own. And we need to make sure that it maintains its beauty. With that, thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Coordsen, on LR 271.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. One of the other things that LR 271 does is that it commends the Building Division for the work they have done already in overseeing the...the...the rebuilding of the masonry